

**Northampton Policing Review Commission:**  
Spending and Contracts Subcommittee

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, December, 30th, 2020  
5:30PM - 7:30PM  
Remote Meeting

**To join the remote meeting:**

• **Video conference:**

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1. Call to Order
  - Announcement of Zoom Recording
  - Roll Call
  - Approval of meeting minutes
2. Collaborative writing of Spending and Contracts subcommittee proposal for preliminary report
3. New Business
4. Adjourn

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Josey Rosales at 5:38pm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING**

Noa Coffey-Moore made an announcement that this meeting is being recorded for the public record and would be available on Northampton Open Media, as well as, the City of Northampton website.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Lois Ahrens Present

Daniel Cannity Present

Michael Quinlan Present

Josey Rosales Present

## **3. Collaborative writing of Spending and Contracts subcommittee proposal for preliminary report**

The Commissioners worked collaboratively on the proposal for the preliminary report.

Commissioner Michael Quinlan said so much of this is part of the Mayor's plan for a Resilience hub, including lockers, shower and sanitation facilities. He said that it's not yet happening and it's winter.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said a lot of this is about what portion of everyday existence has become criminalized. They used fireworks as an example that often gets policed when people of color do the same actions as white people.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said the subcommittee stands in a particular position and is obligated to take the most radical stance because in order to recommend funding other alternatives, there need to be a continual push for reallocation or a plan to defund the police over a certain amount of years.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens suggested the subcommittee could talk about using the arts council as a model.

Commissioner Dan Cannity said the Chief of Police is off this week so the committee will probably not have a response anytime soon.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said it's unthinkable that the police budget has been increased 40% over many years, and that the NPD shares data that is so incomplete.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens said this results in lack of accountability for thousands of hours of police time.

Commissioner Michael Quinlan said part of why the budget expanded because the footprint

has expanded. He said if this footprint means sitting there discouraging people from speeding, it has everything to do with accountability. He said the data is very difficult to read as a result.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said they know the NPD has access to technology in the same way PVTA has access to technology to track things like speed.

Commissioner Dan Cannity said the committee doesn't have the data it needs because of the ways the call log reporting system is being used.

Commissioner Josey Rosales asked what a time audit looks like and how much it costs. They wondered And what would it look like if the NPD got time audited

Commissioner Dan Cannity said the cost and time depends on the kind of audit, but that it involves tracking how much time staff members do certain things. He said, if the organization has a system in place that logs hours already, it's effective.

#### **4. New Business**

The commissioners discussed the date and the agenda of the next meeting.

#### **5. Adjourn**

**Commissioner Josey Rosales moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.**